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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PRESS RELEASE ON TDB MEETING

1. THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM GENEVA THE UNCTAD INFORMATION SERVICE PRESS RELEASE (TAD/INF/839) ON THE TDB'S SIXTEENTH SESSION. THE DEPARTMENT FINDS THE PRESS RELEASE QUITE UNBALANCED. THE RELEASE DESCRIBES THE DECISIONS OF THE TDB WITHOUT MENTION OF THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY GROUP B. THE DOCUMENT'S DESCRIPTION OF THE DECISION ON DEBT IS PLAINLY DISTORTED.

2. AT THE TDB MEETING THE US AND OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES AMONG THEMSELVES INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO INDUCE THE SECRETARIAT TO BE MORE BALANCED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OBJECTIVE, THE MISSION SHOULD SEND TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE

INFORMATION SERVICE A LETTER PROTESTING THE OBVIOUS BIAS OF THE PRESS RELEASE AND URGING HIM TO ISSUE A REVISION.

3. THE LETTER SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. THE PRESS RELEASE IN SOME KEY RESPECTS IS UNBALANCED IN FAVOR OF THE G-77 POSITIONS. IT DOES NOT REPORT AT ALL THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE GROUP B COUNTRIES.

B. THE PARAGRAPH REGARDING TRANSFER OF RESOURCES IS MIS-LEADING IN THAT IT MAKES NO MENTION OF THE NUMEROUS RESERVATIONS AND INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENTS REGISTERED BY THE GROUP B COUNTRIES. THESE RESERVATIONS/INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS COVER MOST OF THE MAJOR POINTS MENTIONED IN THE PRESS RELEASE PARAGRAPH. WE BELIEVE THAT THE REVISED PRESS RELEASE SHOULD NOTE THE SUBSTANCE OF THESE STATEMENTS.

C. THE PARAGRAPH MENTIONING DEBT IS INACCURATE AND SHOULD BE CORRECTED. THE PARAGRAPH NOTES THAT QTE A DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD WHICH PURSUANT TO A CONFERENCE DECISION WILL BE CONVENED TO REVIEW THE DEBT ISSUE. UNQTE THIS, IN EFFECT, STATES THAT THE NEXT TDB MINISTERIAL WILL BE PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 94 AND DEAL ONLY WITH DEBT. IT THUS REFLECTS THE ORIGINAL SECRETARIAT IDEA THAT THE MINISTERIAL NOTED IN RESOLUTION 94 (ON DEBT) IS DISTINCT FROM THAT AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION 90. THE US AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP B STRONGLY DISPUTED THIS INTERPRETATION. OUR VIEW WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE ONE MINISTERIAL (AS AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION 90), AND THAT DEBT WOULD BE ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. THUS AN ACCURATE REPRESENTATION WOULD BE, QTE THE BOARD RECALLED CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 90(IV) AND 94 (IV) AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO DETERMINE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE REGIONAL GROUPS, THE DATES AND AGENDA OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD TO BE CONVENED IN 1977. UNQTE (IN MAKING THIS POINT, THE MISSION SHOULD ALSO NOTE THE GROUP B STATEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE MINISTERIAL LEVEL BOARD MEETING BETWEEN UNCTAD IV AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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V, THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE SHORT AND HELD IN THE LATTER PART OF 1977, AND THAT ITS AGENDA SHOULD INCLUDE THE ISSUE RAISED IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 94 (IV), PLUS A LIMITED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR WHICH ADEQUATE PREPARATION HAS BEEN MADE.)

D. WE ASK THAT THE INFORMATION SERVICE ISSUE A REVISION OF THE PRESS RELEASE TO REFLECT THE VIEWS AND RESERVATIONS

EXPRESSED AT THE TDB BY THE GROUP B COUNTRIES. WE TRUST THAT IN PREPARING FUTURE PRESS RELEASES, THE INFORMATION SERVICE WILL TAKE CARE TO PRESENT MORE BALANCED AND OBJECTIVE SUMMARIES OF UNCTAD MEETINGS.

4. WE ASK THAT THE MISSION REPORT THE INFORMATION SERVICE'S REACTION TO THE LETTER. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE MISSION INFORM THE OTHER MAJOR MEMBERS OF GROUP B OF OUR COMPLAINT TO THE SECRETARIAT AND SUGGEST THAT THEY MAKE SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS. ROBINSON

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